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AMCONGEN MONTREAL - FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ICAO

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PROCEDURE FOR ICAO COUNCIL

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SUMMRARY: INDONESIANS SHARE OUR VIEWS ABOUT SENEGALESE PROPOSAL; HOWEVER, THEY WILL APPROACH VOTE WITH CAUTION LEST THEY ALIENATE SUPPORT THAT WILL BE NEEDED AS THEY SEEK COUNCIL SEAT IN SEPTEMBER. INDICATIONS HERE THAT CONSULTATION WITH INDONESIAN ICAO REPRESENTATIVE ON THIS ISSUE MIGHT REPAY THE EFFORT. END SUMMARY

1. IN CONVERSATION MARCH 4 DIRECTOR OF AIR TRAFFIC RISAKOTTA SAID INDONESIA ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO MAINTINING HIGH LEVEL TECHNICAL COMPETENCE IN ICAO AND IN PRINCIPLE OPPOSES SENEGALESE PROPOSAL TO ALTER METHOD OF COMPOSING COUNCIL. HE WAS PUZZLED TO LEARN U.S. COUNTED INDONESIA AMONG THOSE PREPARED TO SUPPORT SENEGALESE PROPOSAL, AND REASONED THAT "SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED" SINCE HIS LAST LETTER FROM INDONESIAN REPRESENTATIVE KARNO BARCAH ABOUT TWO WEEK AGO.

2. IMPORTANT QUALIFICATION TO INDONESIAN POSITION IS GOI DESIRE OBTAIN COUNCIL SEAT PART 3 ELECTION. FOR THIS REASON INDONESIAN DELEGATE WILL PLAY HIS CARDS CAREFULLY TO AVOID ALIENATING LATIN AMERICAN AND AFRO-ASIAN BLOCS. RISAKOTTA SAID THAT ALTHOUGH PREFERRED INDONESIAN POSITION WAS OPPOSITION TO SENEGALESE PROPOSAL, IF LINEUP OF OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BEHIND SENEGAL WAS STRONG INDONESIA WOULD NOT OPPOSE IT OVERTLY.
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RISAKOTTA SAID THAT ACCORDING TO REPORT FROM KARNO BARCAH IT APPEARED THAT INDIANS AND/OR EGYPTIANS MIGHT OFFER A COMPROMISE PROPOSAL THAT INDONESIANS COULD SUPPORT.

3. RISAKOTTA HAD CLEARLY NOT FOCUSED ON ADVANTAGE TO BE GAINED BY DEALING FIRMLY WITH SENEGALESE PROPOSAL IN COUNCIL MEETING, RATHER THAN PERMIT IT TO REACH THE ASSEMBLY. ALTHOUGH EVIDENTLY IMPRESSED WITH THE ARGUMENT HE WAS

NOT PREPARED TO CABLE INSTRUCTION TO MONTREAL AT THIS LATE DATE; HOWEVER, HE LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD THAT KARNO BARCAH WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH U.S. DELGATION ON THE MATTER.

COMMENT: REPORTING OFFICER DREW INFERENCE THAT, IF NEGOTIATING DYNAMICS ARE FAVORABLE, INDONESIAN DELEGATE WOULD BE WILLING AT LEAST TO CONSIDER WHETHER FORTHRIGHT OPPOSITION TO SENEGALESE PROPOSAL AT THIS STAGE IS NOT BETTER COURSE THAN FACING MORE POLITICIZED DEBATE IN ASSEMBLY.
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